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SUBJ: SAG ATTEMPTS TO CIRCUMSCRIBE BUTHELEZI SPEECH IN SOWETO

REF: A. DURBAN 020 B. 76 DURBAN 106 C. 76 DURBAN A-24

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1. CHIEF BUTHELEZI HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE JOHANNESBURG CHIEF MAGISTRATE TO ADDRESS A KWAZULU ELECTION RALLY IN A SOWETO STADIUM ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29. PERMITS FOR SUCH GATHERINGS IN SOWETO ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE RIOTOUS ASSEMBLIES ACT AND ONE WAS APPARENTLY ROUTINELY ISSUED TO KWAZULU'S URBAN REPRESENTATIVE IN JOHANNESBURG, GIBSON THULA, ON JANUARY 24. HOWEVER, ON JANUARY 26 THE MAGISTRATE ASKED FOR THE PERMIT TO BE RETURNED TO "SEE IF IT IS IN ORDER" AND RESSUED IT WITH A PROVISIO THAT BUTHELEZI MAY SPEAK "ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION KWAZULU".

2. THE ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMSCRIBE BUTHELEZI'S ADDRESS REPRESENTS A CONTINUATION OF SAG EFFORTS TO PREVENT BUTHELEZI FROM EXPANDING
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HIS BASE AMONG NON-ZULUS (REF A). HOWEVER, BUTHELEZI MAY NOT BE SERIOUSLY DETERRED BY THE WARNING AS HE COULD COUCH REFERENCE TO THE RECENTLY-FORMED ULUNDI ALLIANCE OR TO MEMBERSHIP OF NON-ZULUS IN INKATHA IN TERMS OF INKATHA'S PLATFORM FOR THE KWAZULU ELECTION.

3. THIS WILL BE BUTHELEZI'S FIRST PUBLIC ADDRESS IN SOWETO

SINCE HIS MARCH 1976 SPEECH BEFORE 16,000 PEOPLE WHERE HE FIRST CAME OUT FOR MAJORITY RULE AND REITERATED HIS CALL FOR BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTIONS (REF B AND C). HE ALSO VISITED SOWETO IN AUGUST 1976 IN THE MIDST OF THE RIOTS AND IN DEFIANCE OF AN SAG ORDER PROHIBITING HIM FROM VISITING SOWETO.

4. CORRECTION: REF D ANALYZING THE UPCOMING KWAZULU ELECTIONS ERRONEOUSLY STATED THAT ONLY ABSENTEE MAIL-BALLOT VOITING WILL BE PERMITTED FOR ZULUS NOT RESIDENT IN KWAZULU. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE ELECTION BOOTHS BOTH IN THE TRANSVAAL AND FREE STATE FOR ZULUS TO VOTE FOR REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR HOME DISTRICTS IN KWAZULU.
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